

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance, Renovation and Repairs

Anchorage - Egan Center Cruise Passenger Staging Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$1,172,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Replace Egan Center Roof constructed in 1983.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,512,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds					\$1,340,000	FY10-FY14
Total					\$1,340,000	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Egan Center is one of Anchorage's premier cultural institutions completed in 1983 during the "Project 80's" era when the State of Alaska used its new oil earnings to significantly invest in public facilities which were lacking prior to that time. Now that the facility is over 20 years old, state funding is requested for capital renovations necessary to protect the State's original investment in this facility that has served Anchorage and Alaska so well.

Replace Egan Center Roof constructed in 1983. Original roof is near expected useful life and is in need of replacement as repairs for roof leaks are becoming more frequent. After 25 years, the roof is failing, resulting in leaks and requiring many repairs. a new roof is necessary to protect the building and its components for continued building service long into the future.

2009:

- \$1,000,000 Refurbish Roof
- \$ 65,000 Replace Audio Equipment, Explorer Hall
- \$ 40,000 Upgrade Loading Dock and Kitchen Flooring
- \$ 30,000 Replace Elevator Interior
- \$ 25,000 Install Additional Seismic Bracing to Sprinkler Pipes
- \$ 10,000 Galvanized Piping Engineering Study
- \$ 2,000 Install Fire Safety Devices on Standby Generator Fuel System

2010:

- \$ 800,000 Escalator Replacement

2011:

- \$ 75,000 Repair/Replace Moveable Wall Tracks and Roller Devices
- \$ 35,000 Replace Forklift

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\$ 30,000 Replace Forklift

2012:

\$ 135,000 Replace Galvanized Water Piping

\$ 80,000 Replace Doors into Explorer Hall

2013:

\$ 125,000 Remodel Fixed Concession Stand

2014:

\$ 60,000 Replace Exterior Stainless Steel by Entrance

Project Timeline:

See project description and justification.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

February 2, 2009



The Honorable Mark Begich
United States Senator from Alaska
825C Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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Dear Senator Begich:

On behalf of the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau and Alaska's tourism industry, I submit this letter and request for consideration of federal funding under President Obama's 2009 Economic Recovery Package.

As you know, the William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center (Egan Center), opened in 1983 and has been an economic workhorse in Anchorage, hosting a multitude of meetings and events throughout the year, ranging from small, intimate local groups to large-scale, multiple-day conventions. Because of this facility, Anchorage has enjoyed an estimated *annual* economic impact of meetings of \$87 million to \$97 million for many years. In conjunction with the new Dena'ina Center, this economic impact will continue to grow and impact Anchorage and communities well beyond.

Presently; however, the Egan Center roof has exceeded its expected life span (over twenty-five years) and is in need of replacement. There have already been instances of deterioration and leaks, causing additional damage. The estimated cost to repair the roof is \$1.1 million. This much needed project would create 30-35 jobs for a four-month duration, beginning as soon as April 2009. In addition, and perhaps more important, timely repair will maintain the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Egan Center, providing long-term employment opportunity for more than 100 Alaskans, both contracted and staff.

Named after Alaska's first governor, the Egan Center is a worthy project for the 2009 Economic Recovery Project. The specific details for this project were submitted to your office for consideration and inclusion for the 2009 Economic Recovery Package in December 2008. I urge your support and recommendation for this project, knowing the value the Egan Center has to the Anchorage community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julie Saupe".

Julie Saupe
President & CEO

cc: Josh Howes, ACVB Chairman of the Board of Directors



April 9, 2009

Senator Johnny Ellis
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Ellis,

Thank you for making time to meet last week. It's always a pleasure and I appreciate your understanding of the issues facing tourism and your ongoing search for solutions.

I was very pleased to hear that the CS for SB 75 (Capital Budget) currently includes \$1,000,000 for Egan Center Upgrades. This is very encouraging news. As we talked last week, the Egan Center is not only an important facility for Anchorage residents, but it is a facility that has served – and continues to serve – Alaskans from all corners of our state.

In addition to the value provided to Alaskans, the Egan Center continues to be a vital component for countless visitors as the Egan Center is under contract with several cruise lines for the convenience of their passengers arriving to or departing from Southcentral Alaska. This arrangement is above and beyond what cruise lines typically do in port communities, but it provides a better experience for our visitors and increased economic impact for our community.

With the Egan as a central staging area, small local tour operators are able to easily connect with cruise passengers. In addition, cruise passengers can conveniently wander our downtown corridor, visiting retailers, restaurants, and a vast array of downtown attractions. If the Egan Center were unavailable or if cruise lines chose not to contract a downtown location, both the visitor experience – and the money spent downtown – would significantly decrease.

A quick glance at 2009 schedules indicates 71 arrival dates for the three cruise lines coming into Southcentral (Princess, Holland America Line, and Carnival). As you know, these ships can carry between 1,200 and 2,600 passengers each and the impact to downtown Anchorage on "ship days" is significant to our local business community.

On behalf of the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau, our 1150 business members, and the business community of Anchorage I hope that we can count on your support to maintain the Egan Center improvements in this year's Capital Budget.

Please let me know if I can answer additional questions. Thank you also for becoming a co-sponsor for SB138 (corporate cruise tax credit for tourism marketing). I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



Julie Saupe
President & CEO